

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): USMC LIGHT DUTY GLOVE INSERT**

**BACKGROUND:** The United States Marine Corps (USMC) is conducting a market survey to determine availability of vendors capable of producing the USMC's new cotton/lycra Light Duty Glove Insert (LDGI). The USMC has established material characteristics and requirements which are outlined in purchase description CR/PD 02-2008 SYSCOM (with interim changes) for the LDGI described in this Request for Information (RFI). The USMC is replacing the current five (5) size USMC glove insert conforming to MC-306-99 (with interim changes), with a two (2) size LDGI which are required to meet the new material requirements in CR/PD 02-2008 SYSCOM. The revised purchase description includes sizes small/medium and large/x-large only.

**DESCRIPTION/REQUIREMENTS:** The Marine Corps seeks Light Duty Glove Inserts/material that meet the requirements outlined in purchase description CR/PD 02-2008 SYSCOM. The LDGI is made in a knit construction, and is a four finger and thumb design designed to be worn either alone or under a glove shell. The glove insert should provide warmth and protection in both cold weather and moderate temperature environments for tasks requiring maximum dexterity and tactility. The intent of this RFI is to conduct market research on the availability of vendors who have the ability to meet the material requirements outlined by the USMC.

**CANDIDATES:** To respond to this RFI, interested suppliers are **REQUIRED** to submit the following for their submission, enabling the Government to efficiently evaluate the viability of the material requirements outlined for the new LDGI. Information will be handled as proprietary and samples will not be returned.

1. Material Description: The supplier must identify the materials used to construct the glove, including identification of material used for grip dots.
2. Test data for all materials used. Specify material requirements outlined in CR/PD 02-2008 that the glove insert/material meets.
3. Proof of Berry Amendment compliance.
4. Submit 30 gloves and twenty (20) 12" tubes/socks with grip dots; and submit 30 gloves and twenty (20) 12" tubes/socks without grip dots for material testing. Please submit gloves in the larger size.

Initial samples submitted by interested suppliers are due NLT 15 January 2012 for Marine Corps review. The Government expects to complete its detailed laboratory screening evaluation by 29 Feb 12.

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